allowed to be elected by the municipal councils?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—Notice.

Mr. Alampalli NANJUNDA SETTY.—Is nomination of Presidents made on personal or communal considerations?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—No. Past good work is the only criterion.

Mr. Alampalli NANJUNDA SETTY.—The population of Hosadurga is only 4,000 and there are 13 councillors. Among them, there were already 3 Vaisyas. Where was the need for nominating a fourth Vaisya?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—It shows that the Vaisya community is very important there.

Mr. Alampalli NANJUNDA SETTY.—Are not nominations meant to benefit as large a number of communities as possible?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—No, not in municipal matters.

Mr. M. ABDUL AZIZ.—Under the Municipalities Act, have not certain powers been delegated to the Vice-Presidents, such as, dealing with matters like sanitation, sending returns and reports to Government, etc.?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—Yes.

Mr. M. ABDUL AZIZ.—So, if an official President is on tour, cannot the Vice-President attend to all his duties? Have not some of them been doing it actually?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—Yes.

Mr. S. RAMAPPA.—Was there not a non-official President for the Malur Municipality some time back?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—I think there was a nominated President.

Mr. S. RAMAPPA.—For how long?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—Notice.

Mr. S. RAMAPPA.—After the last reconstitution of the municipal council, was not a request made to the Government for a non-official President?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—No such resolution has been received by Government.

Mr. S. RAMAPPA.—If it comes, will it be considered favourably?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—That is a hypothetical question.

Mr. S. RAMAPPA.—Were there any special reasons for withdrawing the privilege once given?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—There must have been.

Mrs. H. S. MADHAVA RAO.—Are the Government aware that the Malur Municipality had addressed Government to the effect that they did not want a non-official President?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—Notice.

Mrs. H. S. MADHAVA RAO.—In all cases where resolutions asking for an elected President have been passed unanimously and the privilege is recommended by the local officers, have not the Government been granting the requests?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—As I said, in such cases, generally there will be no difficulty.

Mr. U. L. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—Have there not been competent non-official councillors in Mysore City, within the past 15 or 20 years, one of whom could have held the post of President?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—That is a matter of opinion.

Mr. U. L. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—Is it the opinion of Government that the Bangalore City Municipality has better claims for a non-official President than the Mysore City Municipality?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—A matter of opinion again!

Mr. U. L. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—Are the Government aware that His Highness the late Maharaja had proclaimed in 1924 that all self-governing institutions would be given complete autonomy?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—Notice.

Ladies' Conferences.

Q.—10. **Sri. S. VEERAMMA** (Shimoga District—Women's Constituency).—

Will the Government be pleased to state the number of Ladies' Conferences held in the Shimoga District during the past ten years, which were either aided or encouraged by Government?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS, RAILWAY and ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENTS (Mr. M. G. Mehkri).**—Ladies' Conference was held once in the Shimoga District during the past ten years.

Sri. S. VEERAMMA.—Will the Government encourage the holding of annual conferences in future?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—I think they are being held every year even now. But Government are not concerned in the matter. Whenever such conferences are held, Government give certain facilities.

Sri. SUNANDAMMA.—Is there a Women's Conference organization in Mysore State?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—Yes, it is under its auspices that conferences are taking place.

Sri. SUNANDAMMA.—What is that organization?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—Notice.

Sri. SUNANDAMMA.—Which was the conference that was held in Shimoga—was it All-India or Mysore State?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—I have no information.

Sri. SUNANDAMMA.—Have the resolutions passed therein come to the notice of Government?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—That is not a supplementary question.

Sri. SUNANDAMMA.—Either directly or indirectly, will the Government give any financial aid to these conferences?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—No.

Sri. SUNANDAMMA.—Is it not the duty of Government to encourage such organizations?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—It is a matter of opinion.

Sri. SUNANDAMMA.—If a request is made, will the Government grant it?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—If a request is made, it will be considered.

Urdu Middle School for Hole-Narasipur.

Q.—44. **Mr. H. HUSEIN ALI BEIG** (Arsikere *cum* Chennarayapatna *cum* Hole-Narasipur *cum* Arkalgud—Mahomedan Constituency).—

Will the Government be pleased to state the stage at which the question of providing an Urdu Middle School to Hole-Narasipur Town, which is pending for a very long time, stands?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, GENERAL DEPARTMENT (Mr. J. Appaji Gowda).**—It is noted for consideration in connection with the opening of fresh Urdu Middle Schools during 1942-43.

Mr. H. HUSEIN ALI BEIG.—May the answer to this question be taken as an assurance that a school will be opened next year?

The MINISTER for EDUCATION (Mr. J. Mahomed Imam).—It may be taken as an assurance that the question will be considered.

Mr. H. HUSEIN ALI BEIG.—Are the Government aware that this request is being made for a long time past?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—No.

Mr. H. HUSEIN ALI BEIG.—Was not a request made to the Dewan during his last visit to Hole-Narasipur?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—Notice.

Mr. H. HUSEIN ALI BEIG.—Is it not a fact that for want of an Urdu Middle School at Hole-Narasipur, many boys there have not been able to go up to the high school stage?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—There is a Kannada Middle School there, of which the Mahomedan boys could avail themselves.

Mr. H. HUSEIN ALI BEIG.—But they want to learn Urdu and English.

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—It will be noted for consideration next year.

Mr. H. HUSEIN ALI BEIG.—Is it not possible to give it this year?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—It is too late to consider that.

Mr. H. HUSEIN ALI BEIG.—Are the Government aware that if an Urdu Middle School is opened at Hole-Narasipur, it will serve the needs of both Chennarayapatna and Arkalgud?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—I cannot say.

Mr. H. HUSEIN ALI BEIG.—At least, has it come to their notice that each of these places has been feeling the need for an Urdu Middle School?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—No.

Mr. SYED ABDUL RAHIMON.—For how long has this question been pending?